

~~SECRET~~

2 April 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman
Intelligence Advisory Committee

SUBJECT : Coordination of Intelligence Guidance and Collection
Activities at the Geneva 1958 International Conference
on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy

1. The second Geneva International Conference on Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy scheduled for 1-14 September 1958 offers a unique opportunity for the intelligence community to acquire a great deal of information on Soviet nuclear energy activities via the information released by the Soviets as well as additional data by an exploitation of overt and covert sources. A wide range of subjects that are important from an intelligence standpoint have been included on the Provisional Topical Agenda published through the United Nations for this conference, and extensive Soviet Bloc participation is assured. There will be opportunities for extensive overt coverage and only a small overt effort against several key areas of information appears necessary.

2. A particularly timely exploitation of this conference is needed to assure prompt reporting and evaluation of the information obtained in order for JAEIC to complete its annual NIE on the Soviet atomic energy program during October and November 1958. Information derived from Geneva should make a substantial contribution to the Estimate as was the case in 1955.

3. Interested analytical and collection elements are already planning a number of actions and the AEC, Division of Intelligence, has initiated some steps to coordinate these efforts. It is believed that the sizeable intelligence effort required, if carefully coordinated, can be carried out without interfering with, or deterring, the basic US objectives.

4. Under NSCID No. 2, the Departments of State, Army, Navy and Air Force as well as CIA all have responsibilities for the collection of scientific and technical intelligence that is obtainable through this conference. In addition, the AEC is vitally interested in this intelligence, and has a responsibility for collecting intelligence through its representatives to the conference. The best possible community approach is needed to satisfy these complex intelligence interests and preserve the sanctity of the intent of the Conference.

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~

5. It is the opinion of JAEIC that the IAC should take cognizance of this need for concerted, but carefully coordinated, intelligence effort, and should sponsor the needed coordination. We recommend that the IAC note this memorandum and approve the following:

a. There shall be a concerted and carefully coordinated effort under IAC auspices to exploit the second International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy for intelligence purposes. This effort shall in no way jeopardize the basic US objectives of this conference;

b. The responsibility for coordinating all aspects of this intelligence effort is assigned to JAEIC on an ad hoc basis, and JAEIC shall advise the IAC as soon as practicable after the completion of this conference of the intelligence gain and experience acquired from a collection standpoint.

6. It is my intent that this coordination effort will be handled by an ad hoc working group under Dr. Charles Reichardt, the Atomic Energy Commission JAEIC member, and that the group include working level representatives of both collection and evaluation elements to the extent desired by member agencies. Any formal coordination of clandestine collection found necessary can be accomplished via existing mechanisms for that purpose with the aid of collection guidance generated by this working group.

HERBERT SCOVILLE, JR.
Chairman, JAEIC

25X1

~~SECRET~~